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## **IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) <u>A strengthening Strengthening</u> material suitable for use as
reinforcement in composites, comprising:
at least one singular thickness-providing layer in the form of a knit, said knit
including of glass fibers and fibre which knit comprises at least one monofilament, and
at least one singular strengthening layer connected to the singular thickness-providing
layer.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The strengthening Strengthening material as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one the monofilament is selected chosen from the group consisting of polyethylene, polyester, polypropylene, polyamide, synthetic materials and combinations thereof.
- 3. (Currently Amended) <u>The strengthening Strengthening</u>-material as claimed in claim 1-or 2, wherein the singular thickness-providing layer has a thickness from of 0.5 millimeter up to and including 20 millimeters millimeters.
- 4. (Currently Amended) <u>The strengthening Strengthening material as claimed in claim 3 any of the claims 1-3</u>, wherein the singular thickness-providing layer has a thickness <u>from of 1 millimeter</u> up to and including 10 <u>millimeters millimeters</u>.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The strengthening Strengthening material as claimed in claim 1-any of the claims 1-4, wherein the singular thickness-providing layer has a weight from of 25 g/m<sup>2</sup> up to and including 1500 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
- 6. (Currently Amended <u>The strengthening Strengthening material</u> as claimed in <u>claim 5</u> any of the claims 1–5, wherein the singular thickness-providing layer has a weight <u>from of 50</u> g/m<sup>2</sup> up to and including 1000 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
- 7. (Currently Amended) <u>The strengthening Strengthening material as claimed in claim 1-any of the claims 1-6</u>, wherein the singular strengthening layer is <u>selected</u> <del>chosen from the</del>

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group consisting of glass <u>fibers</u> fibre, aramid, carbon, basalt, ceramic, <del>twintex,</del> mixtures of glass and thermoplastics, flax, natural <u>fibers</u> fibres, and combinations thereof.

- 8. (Currently Amended) The strengthening Strengthening material as claimed in claim 1 any of the claims 1-7, wherein the singular strengthening layer is formed of a member selected from a non-woven, a woven fabric and or a membrane.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The strengthening Strengthening material as claimed in claim 1 any of the claims 1 8, wherein the singular thickness-providing layer has less weight per unit of volume than the singular strengthening layer.
- 10. (Currently Amended) <u>The strengthening Strengthening</u>-material as claimed in <u>claim</u> <u>1</u>-any of the claims 1-9, wherein the singular thickness-providing layer and the singular strengthening layer are <u>mutually</u>-connected by knitting <u>techniques</u>, sewing <u>techniques</u>, needle punching <u>techniques</u> and/or and combinations thereof.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The strengthening Strengthening material as claimed in claim 1 any of the claims 1 10, wherein said strengthening material comprises comprising at least two of said singular strengthening layers and one of said connected to one singular thickness-providing layer, said singular thickness-providing layer being in the form of a knit of glass fibre and at least one monofilament, wherein the singular thickness-providing layer is situated between said the two singular strengthening layers.

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16. (New) A laminate comprising:

two or more strengthening materials positioned in a stacked orientation, said strengthening materials each including:

at least one singular thickness-providing layer formed of a knit, said knit including glass fibers and at least one monofilament; and

at least one singular strengthening layer connected to said singular thickness-providing layer.

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17. (New) The laminate of claim 16, wherein each of said strengthening material comprises two of said singular strengthening layers and one of said singular thickness-providing layer, said singular thickness-providing layer being sandwiched between said two singular strengthening layers.

- 18. (New) The laminate of claim 16, wherein said at least one monofilament is selected from polyethylene, polyester, polypropylene, polyamide, synthetic materials and combinations thereof.
- 19. (New) The laminate of claim 16, wherein said singular thickness-providing layer and said singular strengthening layer are connected via a member selected from knitting, sewing, needle punching and combinations thereof.
- 20. (New) The laminate of claim 16, wherein said singular thickness-providing layer has a thickness from 0.5 millimeter up to and including 20 millimeters.
- 21. (New) The laminate of claim 16, wherein said singular thickness-providing layer has less weight per unit of volume than said singular strengthening layer.
- 22. (New) The laminate of claim 21, wherein said singular thickness-providing layer has a weight from  $25 \text{ g/m}^2$  up to and including  $1500 \text{ g/m}^2$ .
- 23. (New) The laminate of claim 22, wherein said singular thickness-providing layer has a weight from  $50 \text{ g/m}^2$  up to and including  $1000 \text{ g/m}^2$ .
- 24. (New) The laminate of claim 23, wherein said singular strengthening layer is selected from the group consisting of glass fibers, aramid, carbon, basalt, ceramic, mixtures of glass and thermoplastics, flax, natural fibers and combinations thereof.